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Calendar of Events

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| Oct 10 | Fourth Degree Assembly Meeting 6:30 PM (Nativity) |
| Oct 11 | Respect Life Clinic Trip 6:00 AM |
| Oct 11 | 3rd Degree Exemplification 12:00 Noon (St. Clement) |
| Oct 12 | Raymond James Stadium (Bucs vs Panthers) 1:00 PM Game; 8:00 AM Departure |
| Oct 13 | Columbus Day |
| Oct 15 | Faith and Morals Mtg: Topic:Importance of Budgeting: Church MPR 7:30 PM |
| Oct 17 | K of C Open House and Family Social 6:30 PM Church |
| Oct 18 | 1st Degree Exemplification 9:00 AM (St Stephen School) |
| Oct 18 | Squires Investiture Ceremony 11:00 AM (St. Stephen School) |
| Oct 19 | Raymond James Stadium (Bucs vs Seahawks) 8:15 Game; 3:15 Departure |
| Oct 22 | Visit to VA Hospital 10:00 AM Contact Herb Swoope) |
| Oct 26 | World Youth Day |
| Nov 2 | Corporate Communion 11:30 AM St Stephen |
| Nov 4 | Election Day |
| Nov 5 | Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM (Church MPR) |
| Nov 7 | Casino Knight 6:30 PM St. Stephen School |
| Nov 8 | Respect Life Clinic Trip 6:00 AM |
| Nov 11 | 1st Degree Exemplification 6:30 PM (Nativity) |
| Nov 14 | Fourth Degree Assembly Meeting 6:30 PM |
| Nov 15 | 2nd Degree Exemplification 9:00 AM (St Stephen School) |
| Nov 16 | Raymond James Stadium (Bucs vs Vikings) 1:00 Game; 8:00 Departure |
| Nov 23-29 | National Family Week |
| Nov 27 | Thanksgiving |
| Nov 29-30 | Fourth Degree Exemplification—Orlando Marriott World Resort |
| Nov 30 | Raymond James Stadium (Bucs vs Saints) 1:00 Game; 8:00 Departure |



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Grand Knight's Report

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To my Brother Knights and your Families:

Right off I want to thank all the Brothers and their families who supported our multiple efforts last month. I especially want to offer my heartfelt thanks to Teri Montaldo for leading our planning effort for our very successful Blue Mass on the 17th. We are truly fortunate for the hard work and dedication from the Montaldo family that helped produce such a memorable event. It's no surprise that we chose them as Family of the Month for September. The solemn event of the Memorial Mass for Brother Marty Bergen was another event I was very proud to be associated with - my sincere thanks to all who participated. You made a positive impact on Jennifer Bergen and her family. She conveys her sincere appreciation and is keeping us all in her prayers. To that end - remember that as Knights we carry an obligation to assist her in her needs. Finally, congratulations to Brother Darin O'Neal, our Membership Director, for the absolutely awesome layout and organization of our recruiting effort during the Ministry Fair on September 20 & 21. Due to the great enthusiasm demonstrated by all those who came out to talk to our brother Catholic parishioners, we potentially grew our Council by 21 members, which include 5 transfers and 16 applicants for membership. Finally, I want to acknowledge Brother Jim Kelly (our Knight of the Month) for his coming through for one of our families in need, helping them successfully resolve a potentially serious legal issue.

I apologize for the delay in the letter and survey I promised you last month; however, you will soon be receiving the correspondence outlining my goals for our Council for the upcoming year and beyond. Additionally, I will provide you a list of questions that I would like you to ponder and answer in preparation for a telephonic survey, assisted by your Service Program Directors, which I intend to conduct by the end of this month. The purpose of this survey is to gauge your perceptions regarding the Knights of Columbus, in particular our Council, how we are serving the community, how we are meeting your expectations, any ideas you have on what we might be able to do, or not do, to increase your participation, gauge your commitment and where your interests lie and overall any ideas on how to improve our Council. I also want to verify administrative and contact information for each member. This

is very important for the Council, so I ask you to please participate and respond to the phone inquiries by your Brother Knights.

A reminder that our theme and primary focus for this month is...

“Building for the Future”

Here are my highlighted events for this Month (*listed in order of priority*):

Family Pot Luck Social OPEN HOUSE (Friday, October 17; 6:30 pm) at the Church Multi-Purpose Room. This is also being billed as a Membership Open House for both the Knights and the Columbian Squires, but is also going to **feature a very important presentation regarding the Columbettes Organization**, which is a Knights-sponsored ladies' auxiliary. At the request of our Faithful Chaplain, we are orchestrating this very special presentation featuring Ms Dale Szgurzynski who will speak to any interested ladies about this unique organization and how this ministry could benefit our Church.

First Degree Exemplification (Sunday, October 18; 9 am) promises to be one of our largest yet. We expect from 10-15 Candidates from our Council alone to participate in this degree and several others from sister councils. Please make an effort to come out and support our new members in an equally large show of unity! Please note the degree begins one hour earlier than usual). Additionally, our Columbian Squires Investiture Ceremony occurs at the conclusion of our Degree. Please consider staying and supporting these fine young men who represent our future.

3rd Degree Exemplification Ceremony (Saturday, October 11; 12pm) at St Clement in Plant City. **Candidates report at 11am** with the degree commencing at noon. I highly encourage 3rd Degree members to attend and support our Brothers as they advance to full Knighthood in our Order



Grand Knight's Report cont'd

Faith & Morals Program (Wednesday, October 15; 7 pm) at the Church Multi-Purpose Room, on the topic of ***Budgeting*** in these tough economic times, being presented by Brother Tom Cummings III. This is truly an event you will not want to miss.

District Soccer Challenge (Sunday, October 12; 1 pm) at the BAYSL Soccer Fields at JC Handley Park, Providence Ave.

Please continue to ask yourself why you joined the Knights of Columbus and get involved. WITHOUT EXCEPTION – the Brothers and Families who participate in the life of the Council and our service to our Parish and Community never regret the love and spirit that emanates from the time we spend together – whether it be sweating while completing some difficult but worthy project for someone in need, or enjoying each other's company by sharing laughs, meals and spirituality at church and social events. You and your family are what Father Michael J. McGivney thought about when he founded this great Order. It is so important in these days that we develop a foundation of faith and commitment to our God, our Church and our families...and what better organization has proven it's worth in this very endeavor.

VIVAT JESUS!

Julio

The Knights of Columbus St Stephen Council 14084

An

'Active Council'

where every member contributes;

'Families are at the core'

of what we do and who we are; and together we will strive to

'Grow Spiritually'

*as better Catholics, and in that knowledge become the true and effective
'Defenders of our Faith'.*

Visit Our Website at www.kofc14084.org

Buc's schedule—please volunteer to help

Game	Day/Date	OPPONENT	Depart St Stephen	Stadium Check-In	Stand Open	Kick-Off	Remarks/Status
1	Sun, Aug 17, 2008	New England Patriots	02:00 PM	04:00 PM	06:00 PM	08:00 PM	Complete (07 Volunteers: 5x118; 2x110)
2	Sat, Aug 23, 08*	Jacksonville Jaguars	02:30 PM	03:30 PM	05:30 PM	07:30 PM	Complete (11 Volunteers: 7x118; 4x110)
3	Sun, Sep 14, 08*	Atlanta Falcons	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	2:05 PM	04:05 PM	Complete (12 Volunteers: 8x118; 4x110)
4	Sun, Sep 28, 08	Green Bay Packers	08:00 AM	09:00 AM	11:00 AM	01:00 PM	Complete (12 Volunteers: 8x118; 4x110)
5	Sun, Oct 12, 08	Carolina Panthers	08:00 AM	09:00 AM	11:00 AM	01:00 PM	NEED 4 X MORE VOLUNTEERS (8/12)
6	Sun, Oct 19, 08*	Seattle Seahawks	03:15 PM	04:15 PM	06:15 PM	08:15 PM	NEED 5 X MORE VOLUNTEERS (7/12)
7	Sun, Nov 16, 08	Minnesota Vikings	08:00 AM	09:00 AM	11:00 AM	01:00 PM	OVER-STAFFED (13/12) THANKS!
8	Sun, Nov 30, 08	New Orleans Saints	08:00 AM	09:00 AM	11:00 AM	01:00 PM	Need 8 x More Volunteers (04/12)
9	Sun, Dec 21, 08*	San Diego Chargers	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	02:05 PM	08:15 PM	Need 5 x More Volunteers (07/12)
10	Sun, Dec 28, 08	Oakland Raiders	08:00 AM	09:00 AM	11:00 AM	01:00 PM	Need 5 x More Volunteers (07/12)
ADDITIONAL / EXTENDED SEASON GAMES (TBD)							
	TBA	Wild Card Playoff					
	TBA	Divisional Playoff					
	Sun, Feb 1, 09	TBD		SUPERBOWL XVI			06:00 PM



Chaplain's Report

Rev Bill Swengros

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My Brother Knight,

I've always loved the Fall. After a long hot summer, it is nice to have cooler weather. Although we aren't blest with the vibrant colors found up north, it is really one of the best times of the year to live in Florida. I hope you are making the most of it and enjoying quality time outside with your family.

This is also Respect Life month - a time to remember the millions of children who were killed by their parents simply because they were inconvenient. It is a time to reject the culture of death and to proclaim that we are Knights for Life! This means far more than simply being anti-abortion. We must do more to ensure that no woman feels she has no choice but to kill her child. It means standing up against embryonic stem cell research, cloning of humans, selective abortions, euthanasia, and capital punishment. It means speaking up to defend those who lack a voice ... the young, elderly, poor, infirm, and immigrants. It means fighting for quality education, adequate health care, safe homes and communities, and the care and protection of our environment. In sum, being a Knight of Life means being a light to the world ... proclaiming a culture of life to those living in darkness!

We are presently in the midst of the 40 Days of Life campaign ... a time to fast, pray, and speak out in favor of life. Visit the website and join in the daily devotions (40DaysforLife.com). You will find that it will be a blessing to you and your family.

During these same 40 days, our Bishops are asking us to redouble our prayers for those who seek public office and for those who have the privilege and duty of casting a ballot. May we all embrace the wisdom of God. As always, the issues before us are very serious and demand careful consideration. Remember that not all issues are equal and that there are many "Catholics" who are espousing theories which are anything but Catholic. Be informed. Please be sure to visit Faithful-Citizenship.org for ideas on how you and your family can become more faithful citizens.

As long as you are in prayer, I also ask that you continue to keep your parish family at St. Stephen in prayer. More and more of our brothers and sisters are struggling to make ends meet. As a parish, we have felt the effects of our country's economic crisis as well. This is a time when we need to tighten our belts, listen to the voice of the Shepherd, and place all our trust in Him. It is also a time when we may want to check in on those with fixed or limited incomes. I am especially grateful for all the support you have shown our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

October is a marvelous time of the year. May it be a time of great blessing for you and your loved ones.

Fr. Bill Swengros
Chaplain



Membership Report

Please congratulate Forrest Waller who became a Knight in our Council on September 9, 2008 at the Exemplification held at Mother Seton Council. Also the following Brothers advanced to the second degree in our order on September 20, 2008 at the ceremony held at St. Stephens School: Ed Bejarano, Michael Massimei, Patrick Roach, Larry Norton and Ed Sleyzak. Congratulations!

10-11-2008 We have a **Third Degree Exemplification**, October 11, 2008 in Plant City, Florida at Saint Clement's Catholic Church, the degree to start at 12 noon in order to give time to those who wish to get back with their families and attend the Saturday evening vigil mass at their own parish. We will have a few of our brothers advancing, Third degree knights please come out and support your fellow knights. The address for Saint Clement is 1104 N. Alexander Rd. Plant City, Florida. There is an exit off of Interstate 4 approximately 21 miles east of downtown Tampa. The church is located about a mile south of the interstate on the east side of the road. The degree will be held in Fr. David B. Cronin Social Hall - the first building on the right as you enter the church grounds. **Dress Code is Coat & Tie.** Only those Brothers having completed their Third Degree Advancement Preparation requirements, and approved by our Worthy Grand Knight, are eligible for attendance. Second Degree Members who have completed requirements for approval as a candidate for Advancement to the Second Degree must coordinate with their sponsor and contact our Third Degree Coordination Team Leader, **Sir Knight Greg Celestan** at Email: 3rddegree@kofc14084.org, Phone: 655-4007.

We have a very successful **Ministry Fair**

and have had 10 Candidates go through admissions already this last Wednesday, October 1. The next First degree will be a strong class for us. Thanks to all those who helped man the booth and who volunteered to sponsor one of these candidates. Please come out and support your future fellow Knights.

10-18-2008 We have a **First Degree Exemplification** at St Stephen School **Dress Code is Casual** the Ceremony begins at 9:00 am. Sponsors must have there applicants there by 7:45 a.m. Questions about Admissions should be directed to our Admissions Coordination Team Leader, **Sir Knight Bill Queenan** at Email: admissions@kofc14084.org, Phone: 651-4140.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO WORK ON YOUR ADVANCEMENT REQUIREMENTS!

Being a Knight means being involved and learning about our Order, our Principles, and most importantly... learning to better practice our Faith. I encourage each and every one of you, whether working towards a degree or sponsoring a potential Candidate, to make the effort to grow as a Knight by taking an active part in achieving the requirements to advancement in the Order.

Finally, please continue your efforts to build the Council and the Order by recruiting **quality** Catholic Gentlemen with the energy and spirit to make a difference in our Community.

Fraternally,
Darin
Membership Director
Knights of Columbus St Stephen Council
#14084



Council presented “Double Star” award



District Deputy Tim Manning, presented Past Grand Knight, Rick Hughes, the Double Start Council award. The award is given by Supreme to those councils which exceeded their council activities and membership goals for the prior fraternal year. Only 25 of 350 councils in the state of Florida received this award.

Fraternal Agent's Report

These are insecure times and we urge our members to review their portfolios and to measure the degree of risk that they wish to tolerate.

News from New Haven:
Effective Oct.1, 2008

Graded Death Benefit Whole Life - Members under age 66 who were previously ineligible for coverage because of medical underwriting can now apply for policies with the Order.

SMOKERS - Discounted rates for tobacco users are available ONLY until

Nov.15th. After that new higher rates will go into effect. If you are a tobacco user and need family protection, act now before it is too late.

ANNUITIES - Our annuity rates range from 4.25% to 4.75% with an A.M. Best A++ rating behind them. See the KOFC.ORG website for message from A++ Supreme Knight Carl Anderson about the conservative nature and secure environment of our product line.

Call Tom Cummings at 625-2444 for your annual Fraternal Review.



Pope's Address to Knights of Columbus

"Serve As a Leaven of the Gospel in the World"

VATICAN CITY, OCT. 3, 2008 (Zenit.org).- Here is the address Benedict XVI gave upon receiving in audience members of the administrative council of the Knights of Columbus. The Knights are on pilgrimage in Rome in the context of the Pauline Jubilee Year.

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Dear Friends,

I am pleased to welcome you, the Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus, together with your families, on the occasion of your pilgrimage to Rome in this Pauline Year. I pray that your visit to the tombs of Saints Peter and Paul will confirm you in the faith of the Apostles and fill your hearts with gratitude for the gift of our redemption in Christ.

At the beginning of his Letter to the Romans, Saint Paul reminds his hearers that they are "called to holiness" (Rom 1:7). During my recent Pastoral Visit to the United States, I wished to encourage the lay faithful, above all, to recommit themselves to growth in holiness and active participation in the Church's mission. This was the vision that inspired the foundation of the Knights of Columbus as a fraternal association of Christian laymen, and it continues to find privileged expression in your Order's charitable works and your concrete solidarity with the Successor of Peter in his ministry to the universal Church. That solidarity is manifested in a particular way by the "Vicarius Christi" Fund, which the Knights have placed at the disposal of the Holy See for the needs of God's People throughout the world. And it is also shown through the daily prayers and sacrifices of so many Knights in their local Councils, parishes and communities. For this I am most grateful.

Dear friends, in the spirit of your founder, the Venerable Michael McGivney, may the Knights of Columbus discover ever new ways to serve as a leaven of the Gospel in the world and a force for the renewal of the Church in holiness and apostolic zeal. In this regard, I express my appreciation of your efforts to provide a solid formation in the faith for young people, and to defend the moral truths necessary for a free and humane society, including the fundamental right to life of every human being.

With these sentiments, dear friends, I assure you of a special remembrance in my prayers. To all the Knights and their families, I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing, as a pledge of lasting joy and peace in our Lord Jesus Christ.



Family of the Month

John and Terri Montaldo



Knight of the Month—Ralph Hahn

Keep in Your Prayers

Jennifer Bergen with the passing away of her husband, Marty

Also keep in your prayers John Joyce and Tom Bailey who continue to work through medical issues

Blasé Nicosea who's Uncle had passed away on Wednesday evening.



Fourth degree knights from our council provide an honor guard procession as Father Bill begins celebration of the "Blue Mass" on September 17th



Committee Reports

Council Activities

THE EVENT for the Council Program in November is our 1st Annual Casino Knight. Your Brothers have been working hard on the planning and now is when we need your help. We still have **spots for Blackjack Dealers (don't worry, training is provided) , a Texas Hold 'Em Dealer, Facilities Crew**, and more. If you don't have a preference, let me know and I will find a spot for you.

Casino Knight will be at the St Stephen School on Boyette Rd from 5-10 pm on Friday, November 7th, with cleanup afterwards. Our guests will begin arriving by 6:30pm, so if you can't make it by 5 to help set up, just let me know, we can still use your assistance.

We can also use your **help selling tickets before and after all Masses on Oct 25th and 26th and Nov 1st and 2nd.**

The proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards our State Helping Life Fund. We hope to be able to find a local beneficiary to whom we can give the funds.

Send me an email at sheff9@gmail.com or call me at 813-352-1223 and let me know where you can help. This event promises to be a lot of fun! Don't miss out!

Scott Sheffield
Council Program Director

Youth Activities

September was an incredible month. The Squires had a very full plate last month and the really proved how much work they can do. I was very impressed at how much they completed and with so much energy. These boys definitely have the spirit with them.

This next month is going to be another very incredible month. We have a momentous occasion on the 18th of this month when we bring in new members with our first Columbian Squires Investiture Ceremony. This is similar to the Knights of Columbus 1st degree Ceremony. We are also going to have our first Corporate Communion this month at the 9:30 mass on the 26th, which is World Youth Day.

These are both incredible events and the more support that the Knights can show these boys, the more they will benefit. We will be getting the events up on the calendar, so please check it for more times and events of the squires.

Esto Dignus!
Rob Fisher

Family Activities

Our council will be hosting an Open House and Potluck Dinner on October 17, 2008. Fellowship will commence at 6:30pm and dinner will be served at 7:00pm in the church multi purpose room. This event is open to squires and all our family and friends. Please bring your favorite covered dish to share. This open house is a follow up to the parish ministry fair, and a presen-



Community Activities

Bishops Ask Catholics to Pray a 'Novena for Faithful Citizenship' With the presidential election of 2008 now just weeks away, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked all Catholics in the United States to pray a novena for life, justice and peace called the [Novena for Faithful citizenship](#). The bishops encourage praying the novena on nine consecutive Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 2, on nine consecutive days beginning on Oct. 26, or any other combination that works for individual or group participants.

Respect Life Rosary: (Woman's Abortion Clinic) is scheduled for October 11, 2008 at 6:30 a.m. The council is looking for a couple to assist helping the Respect Life program. If you are interested please contact Herbert Swoope at 813-628-0699 or E-Mail hswoope@msn.com.

Respect Life Mission: A ministry of St. Stephen's Parish.

To increase awareness and sensitivity toward respect life issues from conception until natural death within the parish and in the larger community. Our approach is to work within the diocesan guidelines to educate and motivate the Body of Christ through persevering prayer and ongoing positive action.

Serving Those Who Served

The Knights of Columbus Assembly 1850 visits the James A Haley Veterans Hospital, Nursing Home, and Fisher House. Our Assembly believes that the Knights of Columbus are dedicated to the principle of patriotism, and has led the Order in this effort through the "Serving Those Who Served" program. Our nation was formed for "God and Country". It is now our obligation to aid these valiant veterans. Our efforts are to maintain contact with active, injured, nursing home residents and retired military and their families. The Order is dedicated to visiting and supplying needed items that are not readily available

to them. Our soldiers didn't let us down by serving our Country, and the Knights won't let them down now.

Items Needed

Cloth Wheelchair Bags for the "back" of wheelchairs, with loops or tie strings sewn in at the top on both sides, size 18" x 12"; Cloth, Foley Catheter Bags with drawstring across the top, size 16" x 10", and Ditty Bags 12" x 12".

DVD and VHS movies
Wee Games
Play Station and games
UNO cards
Toaster oven
Portable CD player
Regular cookies / diabetic cookies
Toaster Strudel
Arts and crafts
Granola bars
Disposable Razors
VA canteen coupon books
Magazines (less then three months old)
Body wash, Cologne, hairbrush

Don't forget are Assembly is doing a fundraiser for VAVS. First Place will be two tickets to a Lighting game. Second place will be a gift certificate for two at Ruby Tuesdays. Third Place will be \$50.00 cash. Drawing will be November 7 at Casino night at St. Stephen church. Tickets \$1.00 or six for \$5.00.

Our next visit to the James Haley Facility will be October 22 at 10:00 a.m. We meet in front of the Nursing Home. All are welcome to attend.

God Bless
Herbert Swoope